

Smith, descendants of Laura Secord, praying for relief, in view of their advanced years and failing health, and the great services rendered by their grandmother in the war of 1813. He said: A copy of this petition was presented in the other House, and at the request of the hon. member who submitted it, was read by the Clerk. I suppose there is no particular objection to the same course being pursued here, and I therefore move that this petition be received and that it be read by the Clerk.

The petition was received and read.

#### THE WRIGHT DIVORCE CASE.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Hon. Mr. GOWAN, from the Select Committee on Divorce, to whom was referred the petition of James Wright, praying for a divorce, reported that there had been some incompleteness in the proceedings, but as the object of the rule of the House had been substantially attained, and the respondent had been personally served with a copy of the notice, and none of the interested parties could be prejudicially affected, they recommended that the publication made be considered sufficient. He said: There has been a technical incompleteness in this case, but nothing to affect the substantial purpose sought by the rule. The solicitor for the petitioner, Mr. White, of Pembroke, sent instructions to Manitoba to have the notice published in one English and one French newspaper in the month of September, but owing to some accident it did not appear until October. Personal service was duly made on the respondent however, and six months' notice was given in the *Gazette*. The rule having been substantially complied with, I move the adoption of the report.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH—There has been, certainly, a violation of the rules of the House in this instance. It is an exceptional case, and I hope it will not be regarded as a precedent, but that we shall in all cases stick closely to our rules.

Hon. Mr. POWER—There appears to have been a departure from the rules here. The hon. Chairman said it was a departure from a mere technical rule; still, all those rules are more or less technical, and as the hon. gentleman's explanation probably was not heard by a majority of the members of the

House, it would be wiser, in my opinion, that the adoption of the report should be deferred until members have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the circumstances of the case.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE—I suppose it is understood this session, as in former years, that all motions relating to these divorce cases are carried on a division?

Hon. Mr. GOWAN—Yes.

The report was allowed to stand for consideration to-morrow.

#### BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (B) "An Act for the relief of James Albert Manning Aikins." (Mr. Sanford.)

Bill (C) "An Act for the relief of Herbert Remington Mead," (Mr. Perley.)

Bill (12) An Act further to amend Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes, entitled: "An Act to encourage the development of the sea fisheries and the building of fishing vessels." (Mr. Abbott.)

Bill (D) "An Act for the relief of Ada Donigan." (Mr. Cochrane.)

#### THE BAIE DES CHALEURS RAILWAY INVESTIGATION.

##### QUESTION.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—Before the motions are called I would like to ask the hon. Prime Minister whether any further correspondence resulting from the enquiry made last session by the Baie des Chaleurs Committee of this House has taken place between His Excellency the Governor General and His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec? If any such correspondence has taken place, subsequent to the return made to this House at the close of last session I wish to give notice for its production to the House, if necessary. Perhaps the hon. Prime Minister may not think it necessary that a formal motion should be made; I therefore desire to ask the question of him?

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT—I think there has been one or more communications from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec relative to the Baie des Chaleurs matter since last session, and I will have great pleasure in bringing the correspondence down without further notice.